

# WBDG

WHOLE BUILDING DESIGN GUIDE

<http://www.wbdg.org>

# *A 'Whole Buildings' Approach*



**It's not enough to simply optimize products and sub-systems, assuming that a better building will result.**

**A 'whole buildings' approach requires the design team to work together & understand that many sub-systems and materials can perform 'double duty'.**

In buildings, *sustainability* must be achieved in concert with these other design objectives:



- **Safe**
- **Durable**
- **Cost-Effective**
- **Sustainable**
- **Productive**
- **Accessible**
- **Aesthetic**

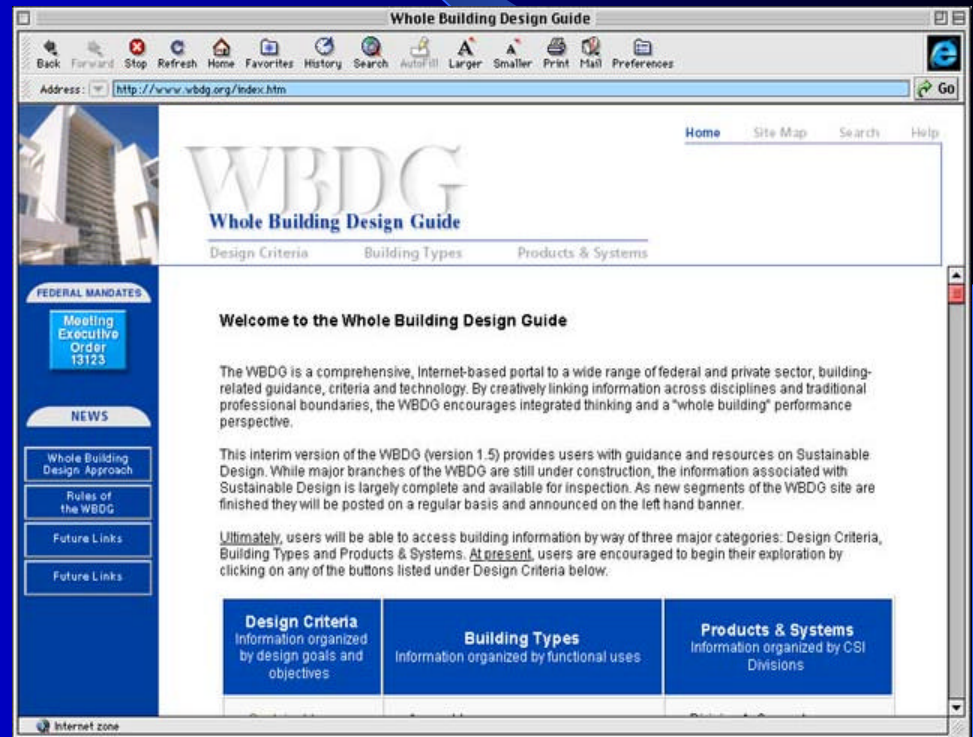
# *Move Towards Commercial Standards*

The Federal Government is moving towards using commercial & industry standards and criteria for building design & construction to the greatest extent possible

- ***e.g. DOD Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC) documents***

# WBDG History

In 1997, a small group (Navy, Air Force and the Corps, working with members of Sustainable Buildings Industry Council) developed the concept for what would become the *Whole Building Design Guide*.



# *Greening the Government: E.O. 13123*

***Requires DOD & GSA (the two  
LARGEST building owners) with DOE  
and EPA:***

- ***Define sustainability principles***
- ***Establish sustainable design guidelines***

## DOE Secretary Richardson Recommends Whole Building Design Guide

As a part of the federal government's effort to design and construct facilities with greater energy efficiency, Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson has recommended to the heads of all federal agencies that they and their agency staffs use information on sustainable building design available on the Whole Building Design Guide (WBDG) web site. The web site is maintained by NIBS.

Secretary Richardson's announcement provides a major boost to the effort to provide all federal agencies and military services with information that will make government buildings sustainable. This is a primary objective of President Clinton's green buildings initiative.

On June 3, 1999, President Clinton signed into law Executive Order 13123 "Greening the Government Through Efficient Energy Management." It calls for federal agencies to improve the energy efficiency of their buildings, promote the use of renewable energy, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with energy use in federal buildings, among other energy-related requirements. It also requires federal agencies to develop a variety of guidance, criteria, tools, and other information for implementing the federal order.

One section of the Executive Order requires the Department of

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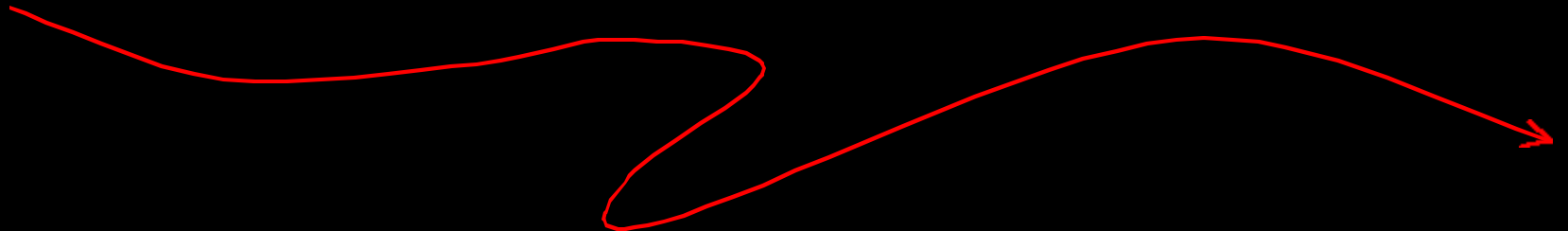
Secretary Richardson

# *WBDG Goals*

- ✓ ***Simplify access*** to criteria and standards information using a web-based approach;
- ✓ ***Replace outdated, redundant paper-based criteria documents;***
- ✓ ***Guide managers and A&Es*** through a 'whole buildings' approach to building design;
- ✓ ***Provide a brief and highly informative resource*** which covered specific technical topics...



# What is the WBDG Today?





► Welcome to the Whole Building Design Guide

# ***Your Complete Internet Resource to Building-Related Design Guidance, Criteria, & Technology***

## Introducing The GSA Functional Objectives Matrix!

Buildings are deceptively complex. At their best, they connect us with our past and represent our... [more](#)

WBDG.org is the access point for all military, federal, and private-sector building criteria

The Whole Building Design Guide is a complete, Internet resource to a wide range of building-related design guidance, criteria and technology.

## WBDG Headlines

► [Whole Building Design Approach](#)

► [Building On A Strong](#)

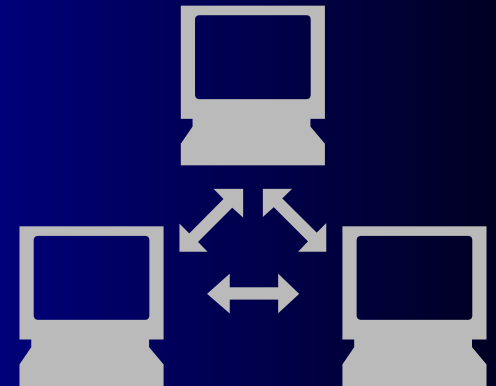
- Comprehensive yet succinct
- Up-to-date
- Knowledge-based

# WBDG is:

- ✓ Comprehensive, yet succinct
- ✓ Knowledge-based
- ✓ Creatively linked to information across disciplines and traditional professional boundaries
- ✓ Intelligently linked to the NIBS Construction Criteria Base (CCB)
- ✓ Used by private sector, federal, and military architects, engineers, and project managers

# *WBDG.org Web-based Format*

- *Can link the many interrelated issues of 'whole buildings' design*
- *Allows easy storage and access to updated standards & other resource & training materials*



# Whole Building Design Guide

<http://www.wbdg.org>

## Level 1 Homepage

WBDG Homepage

News

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## Level 2 Category Pages

Building  
Types

Design  
Objectives

Products &  
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Agencies

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Services  
Administration  
(GSA)

Federal  
Mandates

Executive  
Orders

Executive  
Directives

Legislations

Office of  
Management &  
Budget  
Circulars

Federal  
Aquisition  
Regulations

## Level 3

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## Level 4

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Principles  
Pages

Specific  
Products &  
Systems Pages

## Level 5 Resource Pages

Resource Pages



Optimized for Netscape 6.0 and MS Internet Explorer 5.0

## *Sponsors of WBDG.org*

- **National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS)**
- **NAVFAC Criteria Office**
- **U.S. General Services Administration (GSA)**
- **Department of Energy (through NREL)**
- **Sustainable Buildings Industry Council (SBIC)**
- **WBDG Advisory Committee**

# Where We are Now

- ✓ Established flexible framework for WBDG
- ✓ Sustainable, Safe, Productive, Aesthetic, & Cost-Effective Design Objectives Branches
- ✓ Building Types pages on Child Care Facility, Office Building, Land Port of Entry, & Federal Courthouse
- ✓ 18 Resource Pages written by industry experts
- ✓ 8 active sub-committees



# Where We Want to Go

- **Flesh-out Design Objectives Branches**
- **Enhance Building Types pages**
- **Develop Products & Systems category**
- **Increase links to CCB documents and industry criteria, standards, & guidelines**
- ***Expand “Participating Agencies...” section***

**How Can You Participate?**

# You Can...

- *Use WBDG.org*
- *Make comments and suggestions*
- *Become a Resource Page author*
- *Submit case studies, links, graphics, and media files*
- ***Develop your agency's button***
- ***Join the Advisory Committee or sub-committees***

## *Benefits of Participating*

- ✓ Minimized investment in new criteria
- ✓ Reduced number of individual agency documents
- ✓ Less duplication of effort
- ✓ Quick access to information
- ✓ Guidance on the “whole buildings” approach to design & construction

# Whole Building Design Guide

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***“Be sure to visit the site when  
you start your next project!”***

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